

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

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-- **METHOD FOR PRODUCING PHTHALIC ACID DICHLORIDE**  
**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to a novel method for producing phthalic acid dichloride (benzene-1,2-dicarbonyl chloride) from phthalic anhydride by reaction with phosgene in the presence of N,N-dialkylformamides. --